

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Dear Admiral Keating,


We write on behalf of the Congressional China Caucus to congratulate you on the occasion of your assuming command of the United States Pacific Command. We also write to signal our interest in beginning dialogue with you regarding the challenges and opportunities a rising People's Republic of China presents to United States national security. We respectfully request that you consider scheduling a meeting with us during your next visit to Washington, D.C. for the purposes of learning your views on issues that are of priority to the Congressional China Caucus and on the opportunities and challenges that our country faces with respect to the People's Republic of China.

The Congressional China Caucus is a forum for Members of Congress who share a common interest in the emergence of the People's Republic of China as a political, economic and military actor on both the regional and global stage. The Caucus is engaged in reviewing critical issues that drive United States relations with the People's Republic of China such as, military strategy and capabilities; diplomatic relations and initiatives; industrial activities and economic and trade policies; the defense of intellectual property rights; responsible development with respect to energy and natural resources; and the protection of human rights and religious freedoms.

The primary purpose of the Caucus is to help provide to its members balanced information on the wide-range of issues that characterize United States-Sino relations and the consequences of China's growing military, economic and political influence on United States interests worldwide. The Caucus also serves as a forum in which Members of Congress and others can engage in discussion of such issues. As the Commander of the United States Pacific Command, your perspectives regarding the opportunities and challenges created for United States interests in the Asia-Pacific Region by a rising China are of great interest to us and to the members of the Congressional China Caucus.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and consideration of this request for a meeting at a mutually convenient time when you next visit the nation's capital.

Sincerely,

  
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